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Rep. Pitts blames Schumer for bankruptcy impasse

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Washington—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) today blamed Senator Chuck Schumer (D, NY) for the impasse over the bankruptcy reform conference report. The conference report contains language authored by the senator that would single out peaceful pro-life protestors for unique punishment while leaving other debtors unaffected. Congressman Pitts has said he will oppose the bill until that language is removed.

"I want to vote for this bill," said Congressman Pitts. "We all want to vote for this bill. The only person who seems happy to watch it die is Chuck Schumer. This is not an intra-party fight among Republicans. Our beef is with Chuck Schumer and Chuck Schumer only.

"Abortion has nothing to do with bankruptcy. Chuck Schumer has crippled this bill with controversy. It's hard to understand how a senator who represents the financial hub of America could be so extreme on abortion that he's willing to kill legislation that is desperately needed by banks and businesses.

"Fifty-five House Republicans have been on record since May saying we couldn't support this bill if it included Schumer's poison pill. No one should be surprised that the bill is now in trouble."